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In re application of

Hans Martin GUNDNER et al.

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APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SAFEGUARDING ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FROM THEFT

RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.47(a)

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This replies to the Decision of October 30, 2002.

In that Decision, status under 37 CFR 1.47(a) was dismissed without prejudice, because petitioner had allegedly provided insufficient factual proof that joint inventors Andreas LOFFLER and Martin VEIT have refused to execute the application papers.

Specifically, the Decision stated that petitioner had not provided copies of the signed registered mail return receipt of each of the three non-signing inventors evidencing that the correspondence was received by them. As of the time of the Decision, it was only evident that non-signing inventor Martin GUNDNER received the correspondence and refused to sign the necessary documents as evidenced by his e-mail of 18 February 2002. However, there was insufficient evidence to establish that

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the other non-signing inventors, namely Andreas LOFFLER and Martin VEIT have refused to execute the application papers.

Accordingly, there is submitted herewith a supplemental declaration from Mr. Henrik JOHANSSON, the foreign patent agent who entrusted the undersigned registered patent attorney to enter the national stage in the United States for the above-captioned application. Mr. Henrik JOHANSSON has first-hand knowledge of the facts surrounding the refusal to execute the application papers by the non-signing inventors.

In his supplemental declaration, Mr. JOHANSSON declares that of the three non-signing inventors, both Mr. Hans Martin GUNDNER and Mr. Martin VEIT received their respective letter of January 15, 2002, which included a complete copy of the application papers as filed including the specification of International Publication WO 01/03100, the claims, a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, as well as an assignment. Mr. JOHANSSON's declaration is accompanied by signed mail return receipts which bear the stamps from the post offices of the German towns Marbach am Neckar and Plietzhausen respectively.

As to the third non-signing inventor Mr. Andreas LOFFLER, Mr. JOHANSSON declares that Mr. LOFFLER was not found by the post office in Esslingen, Germany at his last known address, which is the reason why Mr. JOHANSSON received a non-signed letter in return, without any indication of Mr. LOFFLER's current address. Mr. JOHANSSON further declares that he is neither aware

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of Mr. LOFFLER's current address in order to reach him, and obviously is not in possession of a third registered mail receipt signed by Mr. LOFFLER.

In view of the above remarks, and Mr. JOHANSSON's supplemental declaration, as well as the materials previously submitted on April 22, 2002, it is believed that this application may now be accorded status under 37 CFR §1.47(a), and that the petition may now be granted. Such grant is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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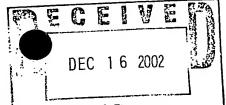
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Dear Mr Castel,

This is a supplementary verified statement in the case that we have discussed several times concerning the non-signing inventors in the above-identified case.

By the time that we provided to the five co-inventors with the letters at their last known addresses, two of them, Mattias Fahlén and Andreas Gunnarsson, duly signed the required Assignment and Declaration documents. You already have evidence of this. The three other inventors, i.e. Hans Martin Gündner, Andreas Löffler and Martin Veit, have not signed the documents. However, Hans Martin Gündner and Martin Veit did receive the letters. This is hereby verified by the signed mail return receipts, which have stamps from the Post Offices of the German towns Marbach am Neckar and Plietzhausen respectively. Copies of the signed and stamped return receipt are enclosed.



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The last of the five co-inventors however, Andreas Löffler, was not found by the Post Office in Esslingen, Germany, at his last known address, why we received a non-signed letter in return without any indication of his current address. Hence, we are neither aware of his current address in order to reach him, nor can provide you with a third registered mail receipt signed by the inventor.

With consideration to the above information, please prosecute this case further, and inform us as soon as there is anything to report. I hope that you now have the information you need. If you need anything else or have questions of any kind please do not hesitate to contact us.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Yours faithfully,

ALBIHNS STOCKHOLM AB

Henrik Johansson

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